

## Functional Needs Emergency Shelter

**V**olunteering for the Milwaukee County Functional Needs Emergency Shelter is a unique opportunity that allows Individuals with special talents and skills to step forward to serve their community during an emergency or disaster. For just a small time commitment, you will provide a service to people in the community who may need extra assistance if they were displaced from their usual environment and routine by a large-scale emergency.

We welcome all interested volunteers to this opportunity, however those with medical skills and training will be greatly needed to assist with the functional and medical needs of the people we aim to serve.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We ask those who would like to get involved to register and complete a one-day training session. The training and pre-registration is necessary for the safety and security of everyone at the shelter and will also help to decrease disorganization and confusion when the shelter opens.

The next training date is set for  
Friday, November 12th.

To sign up for a training session, please contact Laura Schnicke at (414) 289. 6805 or [Laura.Schnicke@MilwCnty.com](mailto:Laura.Schnicke@MilwCnty.com)

"We make a living  
by what we do,  
but we make a life  
by what we give"

To learn more, please visit: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/MCSNES>



The one-day training session is designed to:

- Introduce you to other volunteers
- Explain the context of “functional needs” as it applies to the emergency shelter
- Discuss shelter protocols, your role as a volunteer, and what you need to know about liability issues
- Teach you the basics of the incident command system

All medically trained volunteers will be asked to register with our partner, the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Registering with the MRC will grant you the benefits of being an MRC member, even if you specify to only be involved in the Functional Needs Emergency Shelter. For more info about the MRC :

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/HomePage>

Please pass the word along about this volunteer opportunity to your friends, family, and co-workers. We are available to speak to groups or provide flyers and other information to anyone who is interested in learning more about the project.

### PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Extensive planning for the Milwaukee County Functional Needs Emergency Shelter began in Spring of 2009.

Planning has included:

- Identifying a shelter location and alternate locations
- Assembling specialty equipment and supplies needed for the shelter
- Establishing ongoing partnerships with many community organizations to work together for the common goal of ensuring the safety and care of all citizens in an emergency
- Creating co-sheltering plans for those with pets
- Working to educate people with functional needs about how they can become personally prepared for emergencies.



Next training date:  
Friday, November 12  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

TO REGISTER,  
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